

National Fire Plan

Lassen National Forest

Pacific Southwest Region

California



Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Ladder and Beaver Prescribed Burn Projects/Hat Creek Ranger District

Project Description. The Ladder and Beaver Prescribed Burn Projects, located on the Hat Creek Ranger District, Lassen National Forest, are landscape-level projects in eastside ponderosa pine stands, that include open meadows, juniper, and brush areas. The objectives for the projects are to return fire to the ecosystem, reduce potential large fire costs, improve forage for wildlife and range, and to improve nutrient cycling. This project is also the first step in using a modified suppression strategy on the eastside pine. The majority of the area has previously been entered for pre-commercial thinning, commercial thinning, and over-story removal timber treatments.

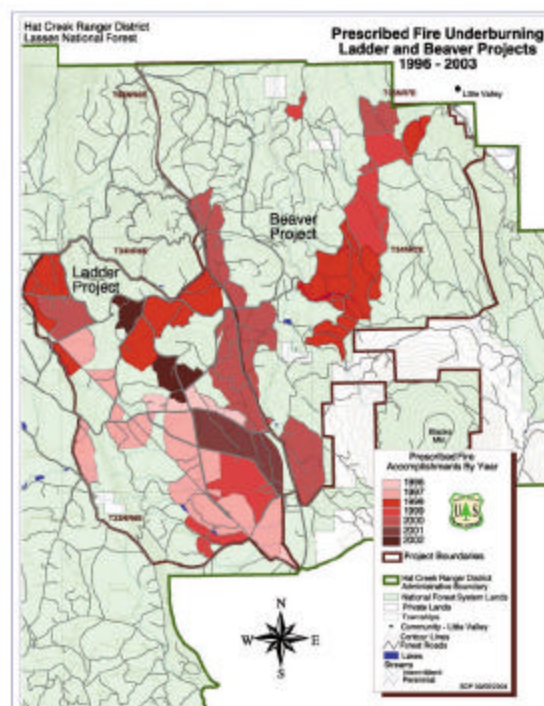


Figure 1. Prescribed burn area for Ladder and Beaver Projects (1996-2003)

Implementation. All burning was accomplished using wildland hazardous fuels reduction funding.



Figures 2 and 3. Beaver Creek burning operations.

Accomplishments to date. Burning began in 1996 and through year 2009. 17,840 acres have been treated.

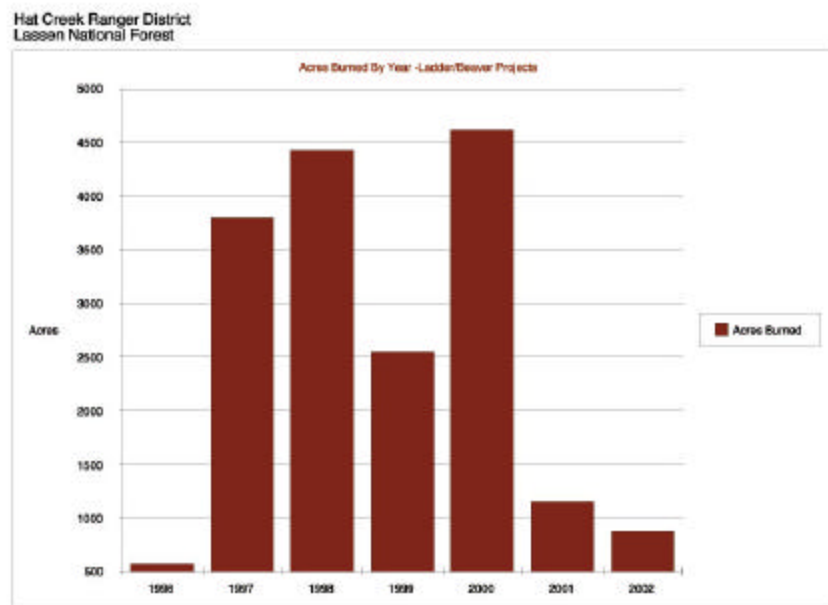


Figure 4. Graph showing burned acres from 1996-2002.

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